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July 27, 1964

By Courier Service

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letters dated June 30, 1964, and July 10, 1964, requesting that an investigation be conducted to determine the circumstances surrounding the obtaining and publishing of excerpts from Lee Harvey Oswald's "Historic Diary" in "The Dallas Morning News" and "Life" magazine.

The Dallas Office of this Bureau furnished the FBI Laboratory the following items obtained from Henry Wade, District Attorney, Dallas, Texas, which he advised are material his office had concerning the diary and other evidence in this case:

1 roll of 35 millimeter positive film
1 roll of 35 millimeter negative film
15 Xerox prints of some of the pages of Oswald's diary.

The New York Office of this Bureau has obtained and furnished to the Laboratory copies of Oswald's diary that were purchased and published by "Life" magazine.

Examination of these items in the FBI Laboratory has established that the 35 millimeter positive film obtained from the Dallas District Attorney's Office contains imperfections in their original state that are reproduced in the 35 millimeter negative film obtained from the District Attorney's Office. In addition, these imperfections from the positive film, plus some original imperfections in the negative film, are all

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1 - Dallas (100-10461) (See NOTE page 3)
1 - New York (105-38431) - Enclosures (12) (See NOTE page 3)

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reproduced in the Xerox prints of this film obtained from the District Attorney's Office and are also reproduced in the Xerox prints from "Life" magazine. This shows that the "Life" magazine copies originated from the 35 millimeter films from the Dallas District Attorney's Office.

Investigation regarding the film in the possession of the District Attorney's Office has established that shortly after the assassination the material, including the diary, that the Dallas Police Department obtained from the various residences of Oswald was furnished to the FBI in Dallas where it was photographed on 35 millimeter film for record purposes. A copy of this film was furnished to the Dallas Police Department. A representative of the Dallas District Attorney's Office subsequently requested copies of the material from the Police Department and, as a result of this request, the Police Department furnished the roll of film to the District Attorney's Office representative. The Police Department film was taken to the Recordak Company in Dallas where a 35 millimeter positive, a 35 millimeter negative and three sets of Xerox copies were made for the District Attorney's Office. The "Life" magazine prints are a part of these Xerox copies or are Xerox copies made at some other time from the District Attorney's 35 millimeter negative.

The Xerox copies of the diary obtained from the District Attorney's Office and the Xerox copies obtained from "Life" magazine were all examined for latent fingerprints. Seventeen latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints were developed on the copies from "Life" magazine. Five latent fingerprints and four latent palm prints were developed on the copies from the District Attorney's Office. One of the latent fingerprints on the copies from the District Attorney's Office is identical with the left thumb print of a William Franklin Alexander, who may be identical with William F. Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas, Texas. The other fingerprints and palm prints have not been identified.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE FOR DALLAS:

The Dallas Office should obtain, if possible, the fingerprints and palm prints of William F. Alexander and H. H. Davis, Jr., of the District Attorney's Office. They should also obtain, if possible, fingerprints and palm prints of Hugh Aynesworth and Paula Aynesworth for comparison with the unidentified latent fingerprints and palm prints. A fingerprint card has been located for one Houston Harrison Davis, Jr., Navy Serial Number 528469, who may be identical with Assistant District Attorney H. H. Davis, Jr.

The films and Xerox prints submitted with Dallas letter 7/11/64 are being returned to Dallas under separate cover. No latent examination was made of the 35 mm films because such examination would tend to remove characteristics used in relating these films to the "Life" magazine copies.

NOTE FOR NEW YORK:

The Xerox copies obtained from "Life" magazine that were furnished with New York airtel 7/16/64 are attached to the New York copy of this letter. Photographs have been retained of these Xerox copies.